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SUBJ: COFFEE PRICES

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FOLLOWING ARE REPLIES KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN REF B:

(A) INTERNAL RETAIL PRICES FOR GROUND/ROASTED COFFEE ARE SET BY THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMY UNDER A STAPLE FOOD PRICE CONTROL PROGRAM. PRICES ARE DEPENDENT UPON QUALITY, AND RANGE BETWEEN A LOW OF \$0.55 AND A MAXIMUM OF \$1.12 PER POUND. THE WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE IS \$0.915 PER POUND.

(B) MOST DOMESTIC ROASTERS AND PROCESSORS UTILIZE LOWER QUALITIES  
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OF COFFEE, THE BEST BEING RESERVED FOR EXPORT. DOMESTIC WHOLESALE PRICES RANGE FROM \$0.28 TO \$0.78 PER POUND, WITH A WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF \$0.52 PER POUND. NO FOREIGN MATTER MAY BE ADDED TO COFFEE, EXCEPT IF EXPRESSIBLY LABELED.

(C) FOLLOWING IS COFFEE EXPORT TAX SCHEDULE EXPRESSED AS DOLLAR VALUE PER QUINTAL, GREEN COFFEE EQUIVALENT, FOB GUATEMALAN PORT

(ONE QUINTAL EQUALS 101.4 POUNDS)

UP TO \$35.00 - NO TAX

\$35.01 - 40.00 - 5 PERCENT

40.01 - 45.00 - 15 PERCENT

45.01 - 50.00 - 30 PERCENT

50.01 - AND UP - 45 PERCENT

DEC. 20, N.Y. STOCK QUOTATION FOR EX-DOCK, PROMPT DELIVERY, OF  
\$212.17 COMMANDED AN EXPORT TAX OF \$73.46. ANACAFE (GUATEMALA  
COFFEE GROWERS ASSOC.) SETS THE MINIMUM EXPORT PRICES CLOSELY  
FOLLOWING THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET, ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS. NO  
REPEAT NO RETENTIONS OF EXPORTABLE COFFEE ARE PRESENTLY REQUIRED.  
EXCEPT FOR A 2 PERCENT SALES TAX ON THE FOB PRICE PAID BY THE  
EXPORTED, THERE ARE NO GOVERNMENT MEASURES THAT ENCOURAGE OR  
RESTRICT EXPORTS.

(D) BASED ON THE SAME QUOTATION OF DEC. 20, COFFEE PRODUCERS  
RECEIVED \$124.79 FOR GREEN AND \$99.03 FOR PARCHMENT PER QUINTAL.

(E) NO NEW GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS TO ENCOURAGE COFFEE PRODUCTION  
HAVE BEEN TAKEN SINCE EARLIER REPLIES TO RFTEL.

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